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1. INFORMATION PROFILE FOR GABON ATTACHED TO REFCIRC IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

2. WHILE RECOGNIZING FULLY IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY PLANNING WORLDWIDE, EMBASSY WOULD SUGGEST THAT HANDBOOK (PERHAPS IN PREFACE) MAKE SOME NOTE OF GABON'S INTERRELATED PROBLEMS OF UNDER POPULATION, HISTORICAL LOW FERTILITY AND BOTH NEED AND ABILITY TO SUPPORT SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER POPULATION. FAILURE TO PROVIDE SUCH CLARIFICATION WOULD MAKE GABONESE LEGISLATION AND PRACTICE APPEAR FAR MORE REGRESSIVE THAN THEY ARE AND FAIL TO MAKE NECESSARY DISTINCTION BETWEEN COUNTRY LIKE GABON AND COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM OF OVER POPULATION AND HIGH BIRTH RATE BUT FAIL TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.MCKESSON

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